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 If Yes, brief description: ____.

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Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner suggested clarifying the plane of coaptation and positioning of the tissue between the engaging rod and the jaw members when the tissue engaging rod is in a second position.

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